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**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
OF THE  
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

Friday, March 21, 2014 10:00 A.M.

**I. Call To Order/ Roll Call**

Commissioner Yvonne de la Peña called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M.

Members present: Yvonne de la Peña, Jack Buckhorn, and Chief Diane Ravnik  
A quorum was met.

Members absent: Aram Hodess, Richard Harris, Paul Von Berg, Carl Goff, Neil Struthers (A), Hector Velez (A)

Review/Approval of the minutes of October 23, 2013

Chairperson Yvonne de la Peña stated that the minutes for the October 23, 2013 meeting is tabled until the next meeting.

**II. Proposed 2014 – 15 Budget Act - Update**

**a. Current Budget Augmentation**

Chairperson de la Peña gave a brief overview of the 2014 -15 Budget Act. She stated that there has been growth within the apprenticeship community as the economy has improved. As a result a proposal has been created to restore the 2007-08 funding levels, to increase the hourly rate to equal the community college non-credit rate, and to add a COLA to the apprenticeship line item. In collaboration with several other legislative advocates, the California Professional Firefighters sent a letter to Senator Mark Leno and Assemblywoman Nancy Skinner requesting a funding augmentation on apprenticeship training and instruction.

Chairperson de la Peña continued with a review of a hand-out with three parts: The rationale, explaining why it is important to restore funding for apprenticeship, increase the hourly rate to \$5.31 per hour for apprenticeship related and supplemental instruction (RSI), and to apply a COLA to apprenticeship programs. The last portion of the rationale outlined the budget calculations as to how everything coincides with what is being asked. The last hand out was the actual proposed amendment to the budget act.

After speaking with the Assembly Budget staff she found that there is good support from the administration, DAS and the workforce Development Agency. In speaking with John Dunn, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO), he expressed that data is very helpful for justification of the

funds. DAS has provided graduation rates that show how apprentices have progressed as a result of the system.

Comments from the Public

It was suggested that perhaps a study or research article on apprenticeship could help to support and benefit the suggested amendments. Chief Ravnik suggested that perhaps excerpts from an article “Training for Success: A Policy to Expand Apprenticeship in the United States” such as return on investment for employers, apprentices and the Legislation committee. Author of the article, Ben Olinsky, will be one of the speakers at the upcoming CCA in April.

Commissioner Jack Buckhorn made a motion to accept the current proposals and present to the full CAC for their support. DAS Chief Diane Ravnik seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

III. Review of New and Pending Bills

Commissioner de la Peña asked the attendees if there were any specific bills on the three page hand out that anyone would like to discuss.

AB 1870 – Public Works: Prevailing Wage: Multiemployer Apprenticeship Program Grants

DAS Deputy Chief Glen Forman stated that the original plan for the distribution of grant dollars is by geographical area, and only when two or more programs are in the same geographical area is there an issue. Mr. Forman continued to state that the bill is difficult to interpret and could be translated that all the money that goes into the geographical area is distributed throughout the entire state of California. Mr. Forman stated that DAS is taking a neutral stance. The bill is currently on a county by county basis. It appears that amendments will need to be made and, if enacted would cause it to go through the rule making process.

AB 1569 – Apprenticeship Tax Credit

DAS Deputy Chief Glen Forman stated that according to the author, an attempt is being made to reduce the disconnection of youth and jobs and attach a tax credit.

AB 1797

DAS Chief Diane Ravnik stated that discussions were made with the intent to bring together stakeholders in the health care industry, employers, and unions to look at the potential of apprenticeship in this industry and produce a report.

Chairperson de la Peña will continue to follow the bills and update any status as it becomes available.

IV. Adjournment

A motion and a second were made to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:05 A.M.